

A RESOLUTION to honor Ola Roberson on being the recipient of
the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the
Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body recognize those public servants who in their years of work have performed with remarkable dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Ola Roberson is one such eminent person who has recently received the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with Sumner Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is named for Mary Catherine Strobel, who is remembered for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the disadvantaged, poor, sick and homeless of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a retired school teacher, community activist and church leader, Mrs. Roberson has unselfishly volunteered her time and talents for many years for the betterment of her community and the Sumner Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roberson was one of one-hundred nominees to attend the 9th Mary Catherine Strobel Awards luncheon that was held as a part of National Volunteer Week on April 23 through 29; and

WHEREAS, humble and grateful for the recognition, Mrs. Roberson states, "God has been good to me. I hope I can serve many more years. It is a pleasure to work at the hospital. I feel inspired to go there everyday."; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her twice a week service at the hospital, Mrs. Roberson proudly serves as Sunshine Chairman of the Pink Ladies where she works 150 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, raised in Castalian Springs with her parents and two brothers, this outstanding lady, in 1921, was the first black female to receive her degree from Tennessee State College; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional writer and Christian Scholar, Mrs. Roberson has written a series of Primary Sunday School lessons for the Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA; and

WHEREAS, her philosophy is “to give service whenever it is needed and to live in harmony with her fellow man.”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Ola Roberson on being the recipient of the Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer of the Year Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.